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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A holding clip for fixing the position of a getter in an inner surface of a container, comprising:

a first section for supporting the getter;

a second section for supporting said first section in the inner surface of the container; and

a flexurally rigid connection connecting said first and second sections, wherein said flexurally rigid connection and said first and second sections are elastically deformable to brace the getter in said first section and said second section in said inner surface.

Claim 2 (Currently amending): A holding clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of said first section, and said second sections section, and/or and said flexurally rigid connection have an elastic force set as a function of a property selected from the group consisting of a material property, and/or a cross section, and/or a shape of the holding clip, and any combinations thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): A holding clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first section comprises

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two first leg elements, said two first leg elements being mutually coupled via a connecting element, and wherein said second section comprises two second leg elements, each of said two first leg elements being connected to a respective one of said two second leg elements by a flexurally rigid corner.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): A holding clip as claimed in claim 3, wherein said two first leg elements are spaced from one another by a first distance and said two second leg elements are spaced from one another by a second distance, said first distance being smaller than said second distance.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): A holding clip as claimed in claim 3, wherein said two second leg elements extend in an inclined manner from said flexurally rigid connection.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): A holding clip as claimed in claim 3, wherein said first and second sections are arranged in a plane.

Claim 7 (Currently amending): A holding clip as claimed in claim 3, wherein said two second leg elements have an edge that has a feature selected from the group consisting of a rounded off feature, a beveled feature, and any combinations thereof ~~is rounded off and/or beveled~~.

Claim 8 (Cancelled without prejudice).

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Claim 9 (Currently amending): A holding clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second section has an axial extension that defines an overall axial extension of the holding clip.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): A holding clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding clip has an overall axial extension equal to a total of a first axial extension of said first section and at least a second axial extension of said second section.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): A holding clip as claimed in claim 3, wherein said first section is arranged at least partly between said two second leg elements.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A holding clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding clip is formed from a wire.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A holding clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding clip is formed from a spring steel sheet of low width and small cross section.

Claims 14 through 15 (Cancelled without prejudice).

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A holding clip for supporting a getter in an inner surface of a container, comprising:

a pair of first legs for supporting the getter;

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a pair of second legs for supporting said pair of first legs in the inner surface; and

a connecting portion connecting said pairs of first and second legs to one another,

wherein said pair of first legs, said pair of second legs, and said connecting portion having a spring force sufficient to support the getter between said pair of first legs and to support said pair of second legs in said inner surface when the holding clip is inserted in the inner surface.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The holding clip as in claim 16, wherein said pair of first legs are spaced from one another by a first distance and said pair of second legs are spaced from one another by a second distance, said first distance being smaller than said second distance.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The holding clip as in claim 17, wherein said pair of second legs depend outwardly from said connecting portion.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The holding clip as claimed in claim 16, wherein said pair of first legs support in a position intermediate an axial length of said pair of second legs when the holding clip is inserted in the inner surface.